

WISCASSET SELECTBOARD,  
TAX ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR  
APRIL 18, 2023  
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

Present: James Andretta, Terry Heller, Vice Chair Dusty Jones (via Zoom), Bill Maloney, Chair Sarah Whitfield and Town Manager Dennis Simmons

Chair Sarah Whitfield called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Treasurer's Warrants

- a. **Terry Heller moved to approve the payroll warrants of April 7 and 14, 2023. Vote 5-0-0.**
- b. **Terry Heller moved to approve the accounts payable warrants of April 11 and 18, 2023. Vote 5-0-0.**

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Terry Heller moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2023. Vote 5-0-0.**
- b. **Terry Heller moved to approve the Budget Discussion minutes from February 15, March 8, March 22, and March 28, 2023. Vote 5-0-0.**

4. Special Presentations or Awards: n/a

5. Committee Appointments

- a. **Terry Heller moved to appoint Corey Bachman to the Wiscasset Ordinance Review Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**
- b. **Terry Heller moved to appoint Richard Forrest to the Wiscasset Shellfish Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**
- c. **Terry Heller moved to appoint Donald James to the Wiscasset Shellfish Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**
- d. **Terry Heller moved to appoint Timothy James to the Wiscasset Shellfish Committee. Vote 5-0-0.**

6. Public Hearings

- a. **Setting Waterfront Fees and Pier Vender Fees – At 6:06 p.m. Terry Heller moved to open the public hearings for Setting Waterfront Fees and Pier Vender Fees. Vote 5-0-0.**

Waterfront Fees: Bill Maloney recommended setting a fee for seasonal storage on town-owned moorings. Harbormaster Larry Hesseltine recommended a fee of \$1200 for the season or pro-rated for a month.

Pier Vendor Fees: The history of the pier vendor fees and the methods of calculating fees were discussed at length as well as the area used for the picnic tables. Because the vendors on the pier will be opening for business in a month, it was suggested that the committee take time to figure out the best solution. Susan Robson said the committee should take into consideration that Reds and Sprague's were the big draws for the town and that Sprague's acted as watchdog for the pier which has a value in itself. **Bill Maloney moved to close the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**

**Bill Maloney moved to accept the Waterfront Committee fees as submitted with the addition of the fee for recreational seasonal boat on town mooring. Vote 5-0-0. Bill Maloney moved to accept the pier vendor fees as submitted. Vote 3-2-0 (Andretta and Heller opposed).**

#### 7. Public Comment

In response to Peter Eaton's inquiry into the status of Ralph Doering's property on Main Street, Dennis Simmons said that the condition of the east side of the building was worse than anticipated and as a result repairs are taking longer than expected. A May 1<sup>st</sup> completion date is still anticipated.

8. Department Head or Committee Chair: See attached monthly department reports

#### 9. Unfinished Business

a. Community Resilience Partnership – Shri Verrill: Verrill, who will be the service provider for the future committee, said in order to apply for the \$50,000 climate adaption grant, a committee must be formed and named, a public hearing held and a self-evaluation on climate adaption must be completed. If Wiscasset joins with other communities, it would be eligible for a \$125,000 grant. Potential committee members must be residents of Wiscasset. Applicants who wish to be considered for membership on the committee must submit their applications to the town office by April 26 in order to be on the agenda for the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectboard meeting. **Dusty Jones moved to form the Climate Action Team to work with Shri Verrill. Vote 5-0-0.** The team will consist of nine members. Verrill said the team will identify priorities which may be brought to the selectboard.

b. Other Fees – Community Center, Airport

**Bill Maloney moved to accept the Airport fees as submitted. Vote 5-0-0.**

**Bill Maloney moved to accept the Community Center fees as submitted. Vote 5-0-0.**

#### 10. New Business

a. **James Andretta moved to approve the business license for Sherre's Kitchen, 560 Gardiner Road. Vote 5-0-0.**

b. **Bill Maloney moved to approve the Central Maine Power Pole Permit Application for Water St. (work order #801000535793). Vote 5-0-0.**

c. **Bill Maloney moved to accept a \$500,000.00 grant from Maine Department of Marine Resources for the Old Ferry Road Culvert Replacement. Vote 5-0-0.**

d. **Terry Heller moved to approve accepting the donation of two parcels of land, .032 acreage, Map/Lot R07-075 located off Old Gorham Road and .80 acreage Map/Lot R07-075c located off Gorham Road/Old Stage Road. Vote 5-0-0.**

e. **Bill Maloney moved to approve the sewer abatement at 74 Flood Avenue for \$439.50. Vote 5-0-0.**

f. Monthly Financials: HM Payson Statement  
Year to Date Expense/Revenue Report

g. **Terry Heller moved to approve vendor applications for Sprague's Lobster, Forgotten Recipes, Industrial Maine, Potter's Shed and River Shack. Vote 5-0-0.**

11. Assessor's Business

a. **Terry Heller moved to approve the Property Tax abatement for Roseanne Boykin and Louanne Pinkham, Map R01 Lot 15-E RE Acct# 78 in the amount of \$1,090.34. Vote 5-0-0**

12. Town Manager's Report

Dennis Simmons met with Affinity to check the inventory of streetlights. Affinity discovered some lights that the town is being billed for but which do not exist. Simmons will be working with CMP to determine when the lights were removed and if reimbursement is possible. After an invoice for purchasing the new lights is received, replacing of the lights will begin. He thanked Marty Fox for his assistance.

Grant funding from the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands Boating Facilities Fund is available and Simmons has requested a pre-application site inspection to see if repair and/or replacement of boat launching facilities would qualify.

Ted Snowden has contacted a couple of marine construction companies about the erosion of the waterfront parking lot. An RFP will be sent out for engineering and design.

Olver Associates has begun the search for funding for the wastewater plant upgrades and an application has been submitted to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

One of the two parcels of land being donated to the town by David Rollins is not a useful piece of land; however, the larger piece runs along the discontinued portion of Gorham Road directly to the Montsweag Brook which is a nice quiet area where one could sit and listen to the brook or read a book or have a picnic.

13. Other Board Business – none

14. Adjournment

**Terry Heller moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.**